

**TOWN OF VASS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
July 24, 2018**

The Special Meeting was called to order by Mayor Callahan at 6:05 p.m. Commissioners in attendance were: Callahan, Kellis and Kosem. Commissioners Blackwell and Mosley were not present.

The meeting was for a presentation by the Moore County Fire Commission and informational purposes only.

The presentation was given by Chief Michal Cameron, Cypress Pointe Fire Department and Chief Rich Lambdin, Whispering Pines Fire Department. Also, in attendance were Deputy Chiefs David Collins and Gary Blue, Cypress Point Fire Department.

The entire county is represented by a group called the Fire Commission. The Commission is made up of a representative for each County Commissioner's area, and five regions broken up by fire chiefs. The Commission meets bi-monthly.

Chief's Cameron and Lambdin presented and discussed an in-depth Fire Commission PowerPoint presentation tailored to the Town of Vass. A copy of this presentation is attached and covers the following topics:

- History
- Development process
- Capital funding rules and procedures
- Distribution formula
- Bottom line

In 2012 the County Commissioners were not happy with the waste and way some of the fire departments were operating and funded. An extensive analysis was done, and recommendations made. Every district in the county had a different tax rate. The Commissioners set a countywide tax rate and formed the Fire Commission because of this report.

Commissioner Callahan asked if the committee was made up of people from the fire departments: The committee is comprised of 5 citizens with no fire department affiliation appointed by each of the county commissioner districts in the county, 5 fire chiefs and the President of the Chiefs Association. Members are appointed for two-year terms by the Moore County Board of Commissioners. Currently there is one vacancy.

The Fire Commission votes on what recommendations to make to the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Kosem inquired about the cost of the new fire station and the fairness of Southern Pines getting a new building when Vass has fire services in several buildings: Chief Cameron said the cost is about \$5,000,000. He agrees it is not fair. The cost includes purchase of land and the design of the building. The town of Southern Pines is paying 98% of the cost, not the County. Southern Pines is building this station to last for 50 years.

The creation of the Fire Commission has allowed the County Commissioners to manage over spending and overall allocation of funds based on departmental needs.

Chief Lambdin discussed the distribution formula outlined in slides 16 – 40. Discussed how the Fire Commission reviews data received from each department on an annual basis to determine how funds are to be allocated.


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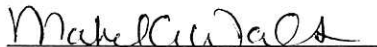
Chief Cameron and Chief Lambdin are available at any time to answer questions or explain the attached presentation further.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

TOWN OF VASS


Henry E. Callahan, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Mabel A. Walden, Town Clerk